



Richland Police Department

2013 Training Announcement

THE COGNITIVE INTERVIEW PROFICIENCY COURSE

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. R. Edward Geiselman

LOCATION: Richland Police Department Training Room
871 George Washington Way
Richland, WA 99352

DATE/TIMES: Monday, March 11th through Tuesday March 12th, 2013
0800-1600 each day

COURSE COSTS: \$250 per person

COURSE INFORMATION: The Richland Police Department is hosting The Cognitive Interview Proficiency Course conducted by Dr. R. Edward Geiselman. This course will familiarize investigators with the Cognitive Interview (CI) technique. The CI is a systematic approach to interviewing cooperative witnesses toward increasing the amount of relevant information obtained without compromising the rate of accuracy. The CI is based on scientifically derived principles of memory and communication theory as well as extensive analyses of law-enforcement interviews. The CI has been found in scientific studies to produce significantly more information than standard police questioning. The CI is legally acceptable to the courts. Attendees will learn about the nature of memory retrieval and how to conduct investigative interviews more effectively while avoiding the worst mistakes. In addition to the basic CI protocol, specialized techniques for use with unique populations will be presented based on research funded by the National Institute of Justice. The unique populations include: anxious or traumatized persons, amnesic persons, mentally challenged persons, and children. Research shows that practice is required to become proficient with the CI protocol and its toolbox of interview techniques. Each student will have the opportunity to serve as an interviewer and as an interviewee during role playing exercises. Feedback will be offered toward perfecting each student's skills. This course also includes a half-day segment on techniques for detecting deception during consensual conversations with subjects who have raised suspicion. The methods taught include a reliance on the more reliable verbal, vocal, and behavioral indicators of deception. These techniques are based on research conducted at UCLA by Dr. Geiselman as well as the existing research literature.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION: R. Edward Geiselman is the co-developer of the Cognitive Interview technique. He has been a Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, for over 30 years. He earned his Bachelors degree from Purdue University in 1972 where he studied engineering and psychology. Subsequently, he earned both Masters and PhD degrees from Ohio University in experimental psychology. Since joining the faculty at UCLA, he has published over 100 research papers in social-science and police-science journals. He is the author of five books including The Psychology of Murder, Intersections of Psychology, Psychiatry, and Law (Volumes 1, 2, & 3), Eyewitness Expert Testimony, and Memory Enhancing Techniques for Investigative Interviewing: The Cognitive Interview. Professor Geiselman has served on the Los Angeles Superior Court Expert Witness Panel for 18 years and has offered expert testimony in over 350 criminal trials for both federal and state courts. Professor Geiselman has conducted training and offered other consulting services for numerous investigative agencies including the FBI, Homeland Security, Secret Service, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Singapore Police Force, Health and Human Services, NTSB, LA Metropolitan Transit Authority, and Walter-Reed Army Hospital. He also conducts investigative interviews for local police departments in ongoing cold-case investigations.

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